



Teachers Academy

Improving Student Learning through Professional Development



What is the Teachers Academy?

Teachers Academy is a replication of the very successful Leadership Academy, which has been fundamental in providing professional growth for school district administrators. Teachers Academy provides an intellectually stimulating and nurturing environment for both personal and professional growth through collaboration and action research. Academy fellows are involved in a yearlong commitment to the program.

Participants meet monthly in their regions with highly trained facilitators. In addition, two statewide meetings are held where participants from throughout Missouri gather and learn from nationally known speakers. The statewide kickoff is the last weekend of September, and Teachers Academy graduation is held the first weekend in May.

Why participate in the Teachers Academy?

- ★ It's an opportunity to collaborate, learn and network with other highly committed educators from your region.
- ★ It's an opportunity to develop the skills and strategies necessary to lead your school or district in the challenge extended through No Child Left Behind.
- ★ It's an opportunity to deepen existing content knowledge and the pedagogical skills necessary to meet the requirement of being a highly qualified teacher.
- ★ It provides an opportunity to increase teachers' knowledge of effective instructional strategies, and to reflect on practice while developing a greater sense of efficacy.
- ★ All participants have the opportunity to earn college credit.

Who qualifies to be a Teachers Academy fellow?

- ★ A classroom teacher with three years of teaching experience
- ★ A teacher who demonstrates effective classroom practices
- ★ A teacher with a sustained commitment toward professional growth

Contact your local Regional Professional Development Center for an application and more details. Don't delay as this program fills up quickly!

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